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SUBJECT: MALECELA, AFRAH AND KENYAN TRADERS IN UGANDA

1. SOMALI VICE PRESIDENT AFRAH ADDRESSED SOMALI NATIONALS IN UGANDA AUGUST 23 AND URGED THEM TO OBEY UGANDAN LAWS. HE ADVISED SOMALIS TO BE PART OF UGANDA AND REGARD UGANDANS AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS. ALSO URGED EDUCATION FOR SOMLI CHILDREN FOR THE BENEFIT OF UGANDA AND SOMALIA. PRAISED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN UGNADA AND SOMALIA AND THANKED AMIN FOR OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE COUNTRY.

2. TANZANIA FOREIGN MINISTER, OALECELA, ADDRESSED TANZANIAN NATIONALS LIVING IN UGANDA ON SAME DATE AND SAID RESTORATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TANZANIA AND UGANDA WAS EVIDENCE OF TANZANIAN INTEREST IN EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. HE SAID PROBLEM TANZANIA HAD WITH UGANDA NOW COMPLETELY SOLVED, AND THAT TANZANIANS REMAINING IN UGANDA PROVE THERE IS TRUE SENSE OF BROTHERHOOD AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES. ADVISED TANZANIANS TO TREAT UGANDANS AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS. EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION AND EXCHANGE CONTROLS STILL REQUIRED FOR EAST AFRICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING TO EACH OTHER'S TERRITORY.

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3. KENYA TRADE DELEGATION MET WITH ACTING MINISTER COMMERCE

AND INDUSTRY ATHIYO TO DISCUSS KENYA/UGANDA TRADE. DR. SEBI, DELEGATION LEADER, SAID KENYANS HAD BEEN GIVEN WRONG PICTURE ABOUT UGANDA FROM FOREIGN PRESS. KENYAN TRADERS COMPLAINED THEY RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR PROFORMA INVOICES FROM UGANDANS BUT NO BUSINESS RESULTS. ATHIYO POINTED OUT CURRENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS AND SAID GOU WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ENCOURAGE TRADERS TO REIMPORT GOODS FROM KENYA AS THESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPORTED FROM ABROAD BY KENYA. UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (SPARE PARTS) REIMPORTS WOULD BE ALLOWED. TRADERS EXPRESSED INTEREST OF KENYANS IN INVESTING IN UGANDA.

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